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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

**Request of Supplemental Office Action.**

This correspondence concerns US national application 09/530,303 filed 27 APR 2000 by applicant inventor Christopher King and entitled, "Automated Hair Isolation and Processing System." Art Unit: 3732 Examiner: Todd E. Manahan.

The applicant requests a Supplemental Office Action because the claim amendments as filed 30 MAY 2000 were not taken into account in the MAY 2001 Office Action. The applicant provides two supporting documents. First, the applicant has included a copy of a stamped receipt indicating that his claim amendments were received by the PTO on 30 MAY 2000. As of his 30 MAY 2000 claim filing, the applicant had not received a filing receipt indicating his US national application number. Thus, applicant had no alternative except to reference the US national application with its parent application's PCT number. However, the applicant clearly specified in his filing that the claim amendments were intended for the application as entered into the US national phase.

Additionally, applicant has included a copy of the claim amendments as originally filed on 30 MAY 2000. The text of the claims in this copy is identical to the claims as amended in the substitute specification as filed today, 23 AUG. 2001.

Sincerely,

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